



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

This **Tuesday, November 11, 2025 is Veterans Day**. I want to take this opportunity to honor and thank all of you who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and commend your patriotism, service, and sacrifice. Your willingness to serve to protect American values is appreciated by us all. **Borough offices will be closed on Tuesday 11/11 in observance of Veterans Day.**

This **Monday's Mayor and Council meeting will start an hour early – at 6:30 pm**. The Council will immediately convene a closed session in order to receive an Affordable Housing Legal update from our Affordable Housing Counsel. The balance of the regular agenda will begin as soon as the closed session is adjourned, which I would anticipate to be between 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

Demarest Election Results

I want to congratulate **Councilman Dan Marks** on his reelection to the Council and on **Sharon Hefetz-Carmeli's** election to the Council. I look forward to continuing to work with Dan and look forward to working with Sharon. Congratulations as well to **Andrew Shyong** on his election to the NV Board of Education and local Demarest BOE winners, **Jennifer Choi, Julie Fein and Michael Zimbard**. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to run for office, it is a big commitment of time and energy, but serving the public is a great reward.

Local Business

Last week Xplor Wine celebrated their 6th Business Anniversary! I wish continued success to Kurt and his team! I encourage everyone to stop in and see what they have to offer.

DAA Youth Recreation Basketball registration is open now through December 1 for the 2025-2026 season. **Open to Boys and Girls Grades K to 8. Please go to daarec.org to register.**

NVD-School Play

Northern Valley Demarest will be performing **Dracula 11/21-11/23**. Support our wonderful student performers by purchasing tickets [here](#).

Traffic Light Update

Apparently, it's not as easy as Red Light, Green Light, 1, 2, 3! Unfortunately, Bergen County Engineers and Orange and Rockland experienced a delay, and our upgraded traffic signal is still not energized. I will keep you updated here when we have a new schedule.

Demarest Library

The Demarest Free Public Library offers free passes to the **Guggenheim, Intrepid Air & Space Museum**, the **Museum of Modern Art**, and the **Storm King Art Center**. Passes may be checked out to **Demarest residents only with a Demarest Public Library Card. Only one pass may be borrowed at a time per household.**

How to borrow a museum pass:

- Call the library when we open. (See our hours [here](#).) Tell us the day you would like to pick up the pass, and we will tell you whether or not it's available. If it is, we will ask you for your library card number and reserve the pass for you for that day.
- Bring your library card and photo ID to the library on the day you have reserved the pass. We will ask you to read and sign the museum pass policy. The pass will be checked out to your card, just like a book, and you will be given a receipt with the due date. The due date is set when you reserve the pass and does not change if you pick up the pass later than your reserved date.
- Present the museum pass when you visit for free admission for you and your guests. (We recommend you bring your library card as well, as museums sometimes ask to see it before accepting the pass.) As you'll be using the library's member pass, **you do not need to reserve timed tickets in advance.**
- Return the museum pass to the Demarest Library on or before the due date to avoid late fees – you will be charged **\$25.00 a day** if the pass is overdue! Make sure to return the pass in the holder it came in. Museum passes must be returned inside the library. Do not return museum passes to another library.

To learn more about each specific pass, click [here](#)!

Have a great weekend!

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,174 people!** My goal is for every Demarest resident to be up to date on what is going on around town, please help with that goal by forwarding this email to your friends so they can visit demarestnj.gov and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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